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The United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training ("EPA") has issued the November 2015 edition of the *Environmental Crimes Case Bulletin (Bulletin)*.

The *Bulletin* summarizes publicized investigative activity and adjudicated cases conducted by EPA special agents, forensics specialists and legal support staff.

The matters addressed in the November 2015 *Bulletin* include:

Region 2	Acquest Transit, LLC	Clean Water Act – alleged criminal contempt
Region 2	Certified Environmental Services, Inc.	Clean Air Act – alleged negligent release of asbestos into the ambient air
Region 2	Brian Davis	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act – alleged illegal treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste without a permit
Region 4	Det Stavangerske Damp – Skibsselskab, Bo Gao, Xiaobing Chen, Xin Zhong	Act to prevent pollution from ships – alleged discharge of fuel directly into ocean by bypassing oily-water separator, alleged obstruction of

		justice, witness tampering, conspiracy
Region 6	Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC, Grand Isle Shipyards, Inc., Wood Group, PSN Inc., Don Moss, Curtis Dantin, Christopher Srubar	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act/Clean Water Act – alleged failure to follow proper safety practices that led to an explosion of an oil production platform and resulted in death of three workers, injury to others, and oil spill
Region 6	Energy Resource Technology GOM, LLC	Outer Continent Shelf Lands Act/ Clean Water Act – alleged knowingly and willfully failed to comply with the regulations for hot work; alleged tampering with the method of collecting monthly overboard produced water discharge samples to be tested for oil and grease content pursuant to National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit
Region 9	Brock Gustin, William Baker and Mark Stephen	State Case – alleged failure to warn of concealed danger, alleged interference with enforcement, storage of hazardous substances and repeated failure to communicate with employees about hazardous substances

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